

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/10/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

- Response to the applicant's amendment dated 10/10/2006
- Claims 1-18 have been submitted for re-examination
- Claims 1-18 have been allowed

Drawings Objections

1. In view of the applicant amended drawings and specifications filed on 10/10/2006; all objections to the drawings are withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments see pages 5-7, filed on 10/10/2006, with respect claims 1 and 14 to have been fully considered and are persuasive. Claims 1-14 rejections under section 35 USC § 102(e) of the office action filed on 6/5/2006 has been withdrawn.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

3. The prior Art of record and in particular Lim et al. US publication no. 2006/0041734 teaches an Ethernet switch associates addresses in a look-up table with received MAC addresses using a CRC algorithm, so that correspondence data about each MAC address can be stored in the corresponding section of the look-up table.

However, the prior art do not teach, suggest, or otherwise render obvious:

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- A method of operating in a network in which a plurality of stations communicate over a shared medium, comprising
- transmitting a group of bits from a transmitting station to a receiving station, wherein the group of bits comprises information bits and error checking bits;
- communicating additional bits from the transmitting station to the receiving station without transmitting the additional bits, the communicating of the additional bits comprises
- at the transmitting station, deriving the error checking bits from the additional bits using an error checking process; and
- at the receiving station, using the same or a related error checking process to process candidate bits known to the receiving station, and comparing the output of the error checking process to the error checking bits received from the transmitting station to determine if the candidate bits correspond to the additional bits.

As disclosed in claim 1.

- A method of operating in a network in which a plurality of stations communicate over a shared medium, comprising:
- transmitting a group of bits from a transmitting station to a receiving station, wherein the group of bits comprises information bits and a substantially unique number;

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- acknowledging receipt of the group of bits at the receiving station by transmitting an acknowledgement containing the substantially unique number or containing data from which the substantially unique number can be derived.

As disclosed in claim 14.

4. Claims 2-13 depend from claim 1.
5. Claims 15-18 depend from claim 14.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Rizk whose telephone number is (571) 272-8191. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Decady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

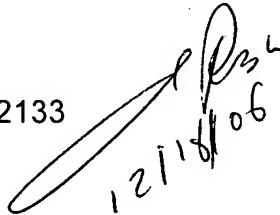
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